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COUNTRY **East Germany**  
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The units were billeted in Installation 1. Installation 2 housed the Main Glider Department established as a liaison office between the "Gesellschaft fuer Sport und Technik" and the VDA. The postal address of Headquarters 400 was Radeberg near Dresden, POB 400. The course for drivers which was organized into 2 platoons of 3 squads each had POB 41 d. The trainees wore light-blue epaulets and collar patches with silver wings. 2

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- Medical officer: Sub-Lieutenant Simon, [redacted] 25X1
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- Co : Sub-Lieutenant Schoewe, [redacted]
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- Co : Lieutenant Walter Hopp, [redacted] 25X1
- d. Course for Drivers:
- Chief : Lieutenant Tischer, [redacted] 25X1
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No Soviet advisers were attached to the installation at Augustusbad.

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5. The courses for drivers lasted three months and followed one another without prolonged interval. One course was scheduled to be completed on 4 September 1954. Another course had begun on 25 August 1954. The students of the latter course came from the VDA school in Kamenz where they had been trained as radio operators. They were to pass the examination for driver license II (trucks). Most of the students of the previous courses were detached by the guard companies of Technical Bases. Efforts had recently been made to train a maximum number of drivers because many soldiers will complete their three-year term of service in late 1954. The course for drivers included theoretical instruction and practical training including cross-country driving and driving at night. The final examination had to be passed in front of the chief of the training course and Captain Korn, motor vehicle expert of the VDA.
6. About 80 percent of the students belonged to the 1934 and 1935 classes and about 20 percent to the 1936 class. EM student was paid 270 eastmarks per month. The morale of the trainees was rather low. Most of them had served for 2 and a half years and were looking forward to their release. They were only interested in driving practice. Food was poor. About 10 percent of the students followed the party line, 50 percent were fellow-travellers, and 40 percent opponents of the regime.

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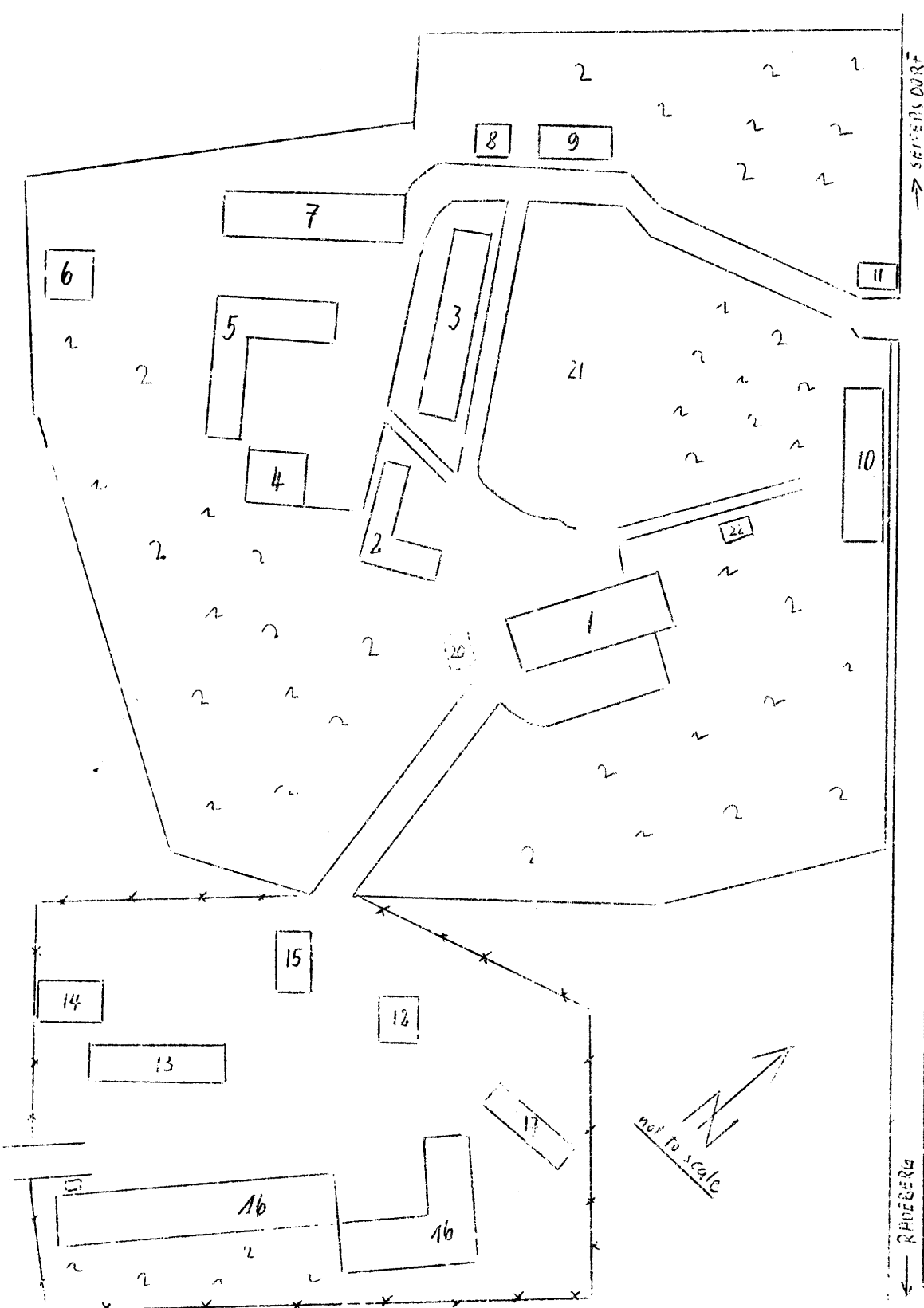
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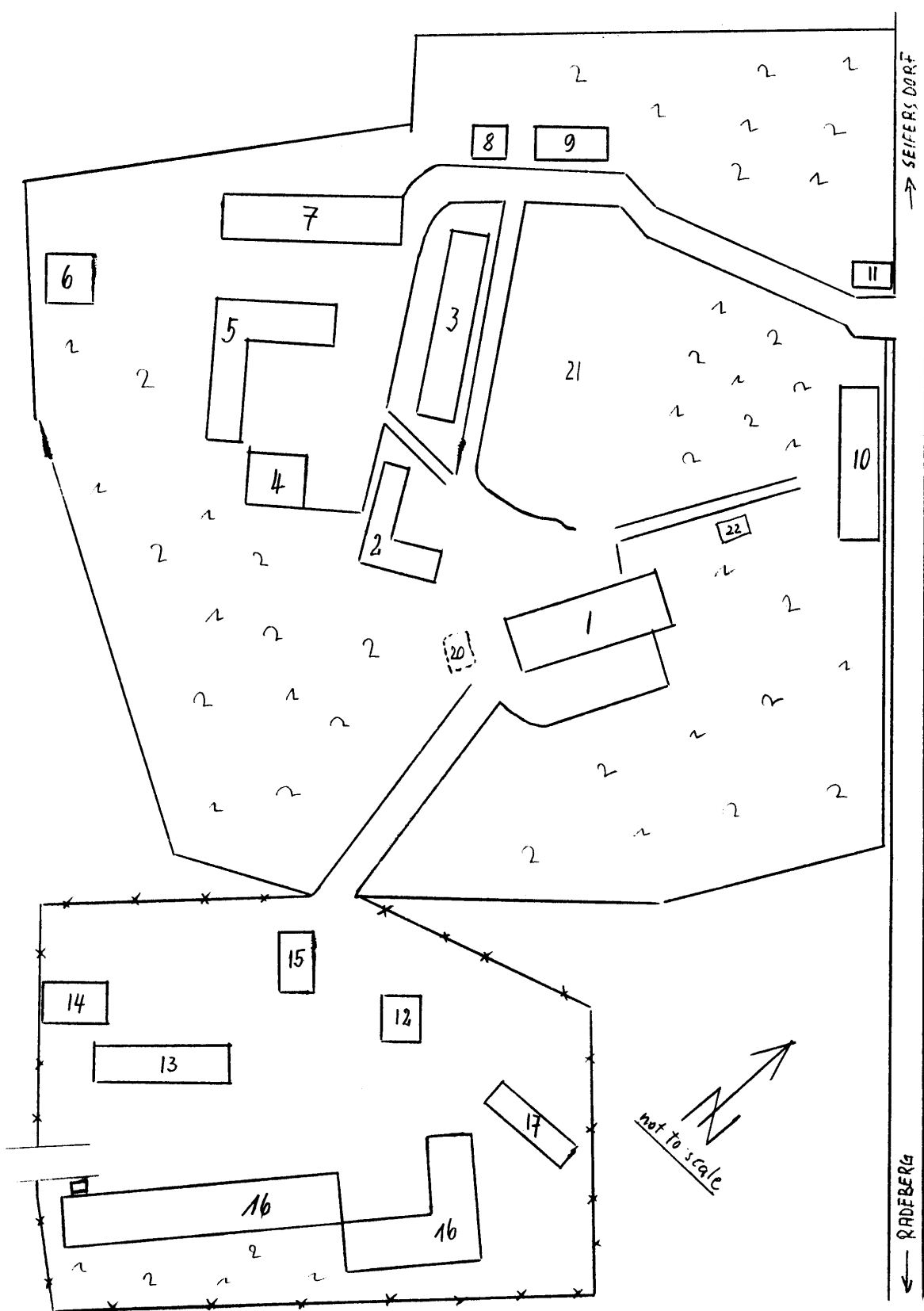
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